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2022 – SECOND QUARTER REPORT

ALL LOCAL UNIONS SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 2

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In June 2022, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) submitted its financial reports on the railroad retirement and railroad unemployment insurance systems. As of September 30, 2021, the total railroad retirement assets managed by the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust and the railroad retirement system accounts at the Treasury, equaled \$30.4 billion. The cash balance of the railroad unemployment insurance system was \$50.6 million at the end of fiscal year 2021. The RRB concluded in the report that, barring a sudden, unanticipated, large decrease in railroad employment or substantial investment losses, the railroad retirement system will experience no cash-flow problems during the next 25 years under any employment assumption. The RRB did not recommend any change in the rate of tax imposed by current law on employers and employees in the report.

The Coordinated Bargaining Coalition (CBC) released a statement on June 15, 2022, advising that following the conclusion of the third straight week of compulsory mediation conducted by the National Mediation Board (NMB), the CBC and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way/SMART Mechanical Coalition pursuant to Section 5 First of the Railway Labor Act, received a proffer of arbitration from the NMB. If either party rejects the NMB's proffer or fails to respond prior to the deadline of 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on June 16, 2022, the parties will enter a 30-day "cooling off" period where the status quo is maintained. While each Rail Union has its own process for considering whether or not to accept the NMB's proffer, it is anticipated that the Unions will unanimously reject it. At any point during the 30-day cooling off period, President Biden may appoint a Presidential Emergence Board (PEB), which typically consists of three to five members. The PEB will conduct a hearing and issue a recommendation regarding settlement of the dispute. The issuance of the PEB recommendation starts another 30-day cooling off period. During the second cooling off period, the parties may choose to accept or reject the PEB's recommendation. If either party rejects, or if the cooling off period expires and the dispute

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has not been resolved, either party may engage in self-help. If this happens, it is expected that Congress will intervene and end self-help by passing legislation to resolve the dispute.

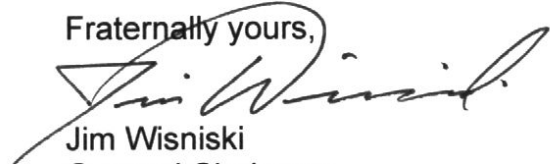
Second Quarter System Council Staff Activity

- Processed ten subcontracting notice claims with Union Pacific.
- Attended the IBEW International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.
- Attended a Claims conference meeting with the Kansas City Southern.
- Attended the monthly meeting of Omaha Local 618.
- Attended the Shopcraft Coalition meeting with Union Pacific.
- Attended the IBEW Railroad Department General Chairmen's meeting.
- Attended a discipline & rules claims conference meeting with Union Pacific.
- Assisted several local unions with disciplinary investigations.
- Attended a subcontracting claims conference meeting with UPRR.
- Attended a meeting with Union Pacific's Telecom department.
- Presented seven cases for arbitration before Public Law Board 7970 with Union Pacific.
- Visited UPRR's West Colton facility and met with Carrier management and IBEW officers & members of Local 889.
- Visited the North Little Rock UPRR facility and met with members of Local 807.
- Visited the Shreveport KCS facility and met Carrier management & members of Local 1829.
- Visited the Kansas City UPRR facility and met with members of Local 1832.
- Attended various meetings with Union Pacific Mechanical department to discuss alternate schedules.

- Researched and processed a claim on behalf of the electricians at West Colton, California for UPRR's violation of using other than IBEW electricians to perform "Form 9414" inspections on the service track.
- Assisted the various local unions with furloughed member recalls.
- Progressed (4) additional discipline appeals, (2) additional rules cases, & (2) additional subcontracting cases with UPRR throughout the second quarter.
- Progressed (1) additional discipline case with the KCS throughout the second quarter.
- Assisted local unions and members with daily concerns and issues throughout the quarter.

In solidarity, I remain

Fraternally yours,



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